

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14 and 16-38 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is amended to correct the recitation of step i) to g). This amendment was not properly reflected in the last amendment filed September 30, 2005. Review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

All claims 1, 3-14, and 16-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Vallmajo et al. (US 6,791,723) in view of Meyer et al. (US Pub. 2003/0116278), and further in view of Redd et al. (US 6,646,754) or Liebenow (US Pub. 2002/0085840). For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse each of the rejections.

Each of independent claims 1, 14, 26, and 32 include a plurality of network connected kiosks having image input and product output capability. Each independent claim further includes providing an identifier for an image, storing the image, using the identifier to retrieve the image from one of the plurality of networked kiosks, and printing the retrieved image. None of the references, alone or in combination, teach, disclose, or suggest such features.

Vallmajo et al. does not disclose or suggest a network of kiosks. Vallmajo et al. states that the kiosk can operate within a computer network to allow uploading of images to the kiosk for processing. There is no indication, in the text or figures, of connection of two or more kiosks. Further, Vallmajo et al. does not disclose or suggest generating an identifier, storing the image, retrieving the image from a networked kiosk using the identifier, and printing the retrieved image.

Meyer et al. is directed to storage of digital images downloaded from a camera or camera memory device to a networked site. There is no indication, in the text or figures, of connection of two or more kiosks. Further, Meyer et al. does not disclose or suggest generating an identifier, storing the image, retrieving the image from a networked kiosk using the identifier, and printing the retrieved image.

Redd et al. is directed to printing multiple sets of images from a selected set, and being able to backprint a message or information on one or

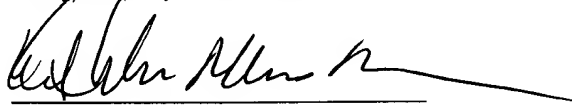
more of the printed images. There is no indication, in the text or figures, of connection of two or more kiosks. Further, Redd et al. does not disclose or suggest generating an identifier, storing the image, retrieving the image from a networked kiosk using the identifier, and printing the retrieved image.

Liebenow is directed to a *standalone* kiosk that is able to display a print time to the consumer, or provide a message through a wireless device to the consumer when the prints are ready. There is no indication, in the text or figures, of connection of two or more kiosks. Further, Liebenow does not disclose or suggest generating an identifier, storing the image, retrieving the image from a networked kiosk using the identifier, and printing the retrieved image.

None of the references, alone or in any combination, disclose or suggest all of the features of the claimed invention. Particularly, none of the references, alone or in any combination, disclose or suggest at least a plurality of network connected kiosks, or the steps of generating an identifier, storing the image, retrieving the image from a networked kiosk using the identifier, and printing the retrieved image. Reconsideration and withdrawal of each rejection are in order, and are respectfully solicited.

All pending claims being in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons, reconsideration and prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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